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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS ON RHODESIA

1. ACCORDING TO TODAY'S NOTICIAS, BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA TOLD A ZAMBIAN JOURNALIST IN GENEVA YESTERDAY THAT DESPITE THE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES AMONG THE ZIMBABWEAN POLITICAL LEADERS, THEY WERE ALL AGREED THAT:

---A DATE FOR INDEPENDENCE SHOULD BE FIXED FOR SOME TIME WITHIN THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS;

---THE MINISTERIAL PORTFOLIOS FOR DEFENSE AND JUSTICE SHOULD NOT BE RETAINED IN WHITE HANDS;

---THE "INSTRUMENTS OF POWER" IN A PROVISIONAL ZIMBABWEAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FIRMLY IN THE HANDS OF THE AFRICANS; AND

---SMITH'S ROLE IN THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT MUST BE THAT OF A "SIMPLE CITIZEN" ONLY.

2. MUZOREWA ACCUSED SMITH AND HIS DELEGATION OF BEING "INFLEXIBLE" AND INSENSITIVE TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE AFRICAN MAJORITY AND SAID THAT IF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE FAILED, IT WOULD BE SMITH'S FAULT. MUZOREWA ALSO

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SAID THAT THE NATIONALIST WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE

ANY OF THE OTHER PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE CONFERENCE
DALEGATES UNTIL THE DATE FOR ZIMBABWE'S INDEPENDENCE WAS FIXED.
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